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**Hon. Amy C. Martoche
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Seeking Applications for Buffalo City Housing Court's Advisory Council

*Play A Meaningful Role in Addressing Buffalo's Housing Challenges
Application Deadline July 2, 2026*

The Eighth Judicial District is seeking qualified candidates to serve as members of the Buffalo City Housing Court's Advisory Council, which makes recommendations to the District's Administrative Judge on matters related to the functioning of housing court, tenant-landlord disputes, and housing policy. Currently, the Council is seeking three (3) additional candidates.

Appointed by the Eighth Judicial District Administrative Judge, the Mayor of Buffalo, and the District City Official, Council members will have the opportunity to propose, initiate, and develop supportive policy that benefits Buffalo's housing community and residents, contributing meaningfully to the Council's mission and the Buffalo community.

Candidates must be Erie County residents, at least 18 years of age, and committed to the Council's mission and objectives. In appointing the Council, two members must be representatives of the real estate industry; two from tenants' organizations; two of civic groups; two of bar associations; and four of the public at large.

The Council will meet at least four times a year, with the Administrative Judge having discretion to increase the frequency based on pending or urgent matters. The Council will submit reports of its findings and recommendations, including an annual report on Housing Court operations, for review by the Eighth Judicial District Administrative Judge and Mayor of Buffalo.

"This Council plays a vital role in advising and shaping housing policy in our city ensuring that our community's needs are met and that we work towards effective solutions for housing challenges. Your insights and experiences are invaluable as we strive to create a fair and equitable housing environment for all Buffalo residents. We seek passionate members who want to make a difference in our community and have a stake in housing matters. I encourage residents to submit their applications and join in this important work", said Hon. Amy C. Martoche, Administrative Judge of the Eighth Judicial District.

To apply, please submit your resume and letter of qualification and interest by July 2, 2026 to the Office of the District Executive, 92 Franklin Street, Buffalo, New York 14202 or via email: BuffaloCityHousingCouncil@nycourts.gov.